

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016  
5:20pm AT TOWN HALL**

Town Board Planning and Education Meeting/ Workshop  
**Approved Minutes**

**Town Board Members Present:** Jim Patterson, Mike Anderson, Sue Brenna, John Carlson, Mike Starck

**Staff present:** Town Administrator Lisa Potswald, Foreman Kristian Larsen, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne, MRF Supervisor Ted Pallas

**Public Present:** Paul Brummer, Brian Nelson, Carey Baxter

1. Call to Order: at 5:20pm

2. Planning and Discussion on the Following Topics:

D. Materials Recovery Facility Operations: The Company the Town has used for waste hauling operations has sold. The Town put out a request for information and received two interested proposals. The Town also considered what it would cost to purchase some equipment and haul the waste ourselves. Discussion on having the Town take over hauling its own waste, keeping it in house. The cost would be cheaper in the long run, even after the purchase of a used truck. Other advantages include being able to haul other things like appliances, and pick up gravel and other things to bring back to the Island. There are a few employees with CDL's currently who could drive the truck, but C. Baxter is interested and willing to train and get his CDL to assist in the hauling. L. Potswald has mentioned the situation to the Insurance agent to go over coverage. T. Pallas, K. Larsen, A. Hage are to go take a look at the truck that may be purchased. This item will be on the next Regular Town Board Meeting agenda on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

A. Big Arn's Road and Brian's Road: Foreman K. Larsen provided a memo with three possible options, from his perspective, for the Board to think about: just doing Big Arn's Road, doing Big Arn's and Brian's Road, or doing Big Arn's, just part of Brian's and do the punch through to Miller Farm Road. It could also be done in phases. There are still many considerations for all three options, especially who would pay for each option. K. Larsen believes the best option is doing the punch through because it would be part of the roads budget and part of the tax levy, but it is also the most expensive and may not be able to happen quickly. K. Larsen has an appointment with the DNR to walk the easement to see if there are wetlands on the property. Discussion included how there are already many other Town projects, replacements, and other things coming up in the next five years that will add to the town's budget. It was agreed that there should be a survey done of the Big Arn's Road and Brian's Road to get a better idea of cost, and what need to be done, but the cost of the survey is over \$5,000 that the town would have to pay for prior to the public hearing, etc. It was agreed that the road needed to be engineered. There is currently nothing in the 2016 budget for any of the work. Other discussion on how the Town Ordinance states that it won't take over a private road until it is up to standards, but that was not the case with Miller Farm Road. Thus the Board discussed needing to think about policy and setting a precedent for future similar situations. The town crew currently does not have the time to do the work and is considering the option of contracting it out. Other

points made included that the punch through easement exists, but it is not a town easement, so unless the property owners agree and give permission for the road, the process of condemnation would have to be followed. The property owners on the road request that anything be done to keep it moving forward, as the condition of the road is not good. Next steps include looking at the Town Ordinance on roads, K. Larsen meeting with the DNR to see the possibility of doing the punch through, and trying to narrow down the financial and costs associated with building the road.

B. Cell Tower on North End, Consultant: Supervisor J. Carlson mentioned that the consultant who presented last week, Shane Begley, brought up the fact that Red Cliff was looking in to a cell tower as well. Discussion on contacting Red Cliff to see if the Town could assist in having a tower placed over there that may benefit the Island as well. Supervisor M. Starck thinks that the public safety issue is important, and what if they offered the Consultant less money but a bonus if he were able to get a tower to service the north end of the Island. Next steps are for L. Potswald to contact Red Cliff to see if they are interested, and go from there.

C. Agreements with Ashland County: L. Potswald prepared a new draft of the agreement with Ashland County for Zoning, but stated it is a difficult time as there is a new Zoning Administrator that will just be working part time. L. Potswald will still be doing the POWTS. This year the County agreed to pay the Town \$6500 for the Zoning budget. L. Potswald doesn't like the idea of changing to a per permit charge from the county because so much of the ZA's time is answering questions, and doing good customer service is important. Discussion on the agreement with Ashland County for Law Enforcement included that it would be nice to get more than just half of the squad car paid for, at least half of the outfitting as well. M. Anderson brought up that the Sheriff Department is required to cover the Island if the Town cannot, but that it may take up to four hours for them to respond to a call, so though it costs the Town more money, the residents and people on the Island are getting better coverage and service.

E. Accommodation Tax uses: 70% of the accommodation tax goes to the Chamber of Commerce. 30% goes to the Town, and can be spent however it sees fit.

F. Other Items:

Solar Array: There is an issue with the electrical work done previously on the Library, so it is difficult to hook up the Solar Panels to the building. Waiting on Xcel energy to be available at the same time an electrician is. Foreman K. Larsen believes it will all be able to get squared away prior to the grant deadline.

Supervisor Starck mentioned the regional Wisconsin Towns Association meetings that occur, and it would be beneficial for some or all to attend. The next one is on county government.

Fire Hall Roof: A question was raised on if there could be a warranty on the old Fire Hall roof shingles, K. Larsen is sending in a sample and looking into it.

3. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:34pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted, May 24, 2016. M. Montagne, Town Clerk